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W.R.S. Hires a New 5th Grade Teacher

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Brycen Nardone has been named our new permanent 5th grade teacher for next school year! Mr. Nardone completed an internship with Mrs. Janice Beal last fall semester. Mrs. Beal left her position in February to begin her retirement and Mr. Nardone has been teaching her class since then.

Mr. Nardone went through two interviews with our search committee and our Superintendent of Schools, Tom DeBalsi and he was clearly the best teacher for the job! We are both grateful to and proud of Mr. Nardone for his ability to continue excellent instruction this school year and we are looking forward to working with him on a permanent basis next year! Please feel free to send congratulatory messages directly to Mr. Nardone: nardoneb@hartfordschools.net

Students at W.R.S. Exhibit Exceptional Example of Good Citizenship

Rowan Dumont and Penelope Thauvin are 5th graders in our school. In March they presented an idea to me to collect personal care items for those in need. You may recall that a letter was sent home with a list of specific items that they were collecting. Thanks to the generous support of our W.R.S. families, expectations were exceeded! We had numerous boxes filled with a large variety of items. Jeff and Kim Dumont supported this community service endeavor by delivering items to The Listen Center, The Haven, and to David's House. Please visit our website: www.wrsvt.com to find pictures of Rowan and Penelope as they sorted products and delivered them!



State-wide Testing Underway at W.R.S.

If you are the parent/guardian of a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader you are likely aware that the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests are being administered in April and May. Like other students in grades 3 and up, these tests are mandated by the VT Agency of Education. Our 5th graders also have to take the VT Science Assessment which replaced the 4th grade Science NECAP test. The teachers do a terrific job of supporting our students through these tests that are completed on a computer by helping students understand that while they are expected to show their very best effort, these tests don't determine grade placement for next year, nor do they give us data to be used for grades on a report card. While each student will get individual test results next school year about her/his performance on the tests, the daily work that students do in our school gives the teachers the best information about how students are doing in meeting academic benchmarks and standards. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child taking these tests. Follow [this link](#) to learn more about these assessments or paste this website into your browser: <https://vt.portal.airast.org/users/students-and-families>

Upcoming Events:

May 9th - Last PTA meeting of the school year! 6:30 p.m.

May 16th - Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m.

May 24th - school-wide trip to Boston, MA Leave at 8:30 a.m., return at 6:00 p.m. (roughly)

June 7th - Last student day of school